

Pappas Telecasting Companies' giveaway of \$325,000 in airtime to Republican candidates in certain areas is yet another outrageous example of a powerful media group abusing its privileged access to the public airwaves.

These are our airwaves--not Republican airwaves, not Democratic airwaves, and definitely not Pappas's airwaves.

We need an FCC that's more than a right-wing rubberstamp, a real chairman who's more than someone's relative, and a real license renewal process.

Pappas uses the public airwaves free of charge and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Pappas's actions are probably illegal and show that Pappas has no intention of serving the public interest. Their egregious conduct shows why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Furthermore, they show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than just a returned postcard. Thank you.